

**Minutes of the Board of Regents  
Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences**

**Meeting No. 187  
May 16, 2014**

The Board of Regents of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences met on May 16, 2014, at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, 4301 Jones Bridge Road, Bethesda, Maryland. The meeting date and agenda items were published in the Federal Register and each Regent was duly notified prior to the meeting. The Board Executive Secretary, Dr. Jeffrey L. Longacre, was present during the meeting along with the Designated Federal Officer, Mrs. S. Leeann Ori and Alternate Designated Federal Officer, Mrs. Jennifer K. Nuetzi James. The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Members and advisors listed below were in attendance:

**Board Members**

Ronald R. Blanck, D.O., Chair  
Otis W. Brawley, M.D., Member  
Haile T. Debas, M.D., Member  
GEN Ronald H. Griffith, USA (Ret), Member  
Kenneth P. Moritsugu, M.D., Member  
Gail R. Wilensky, Ph.D., Member  
Allen Middleton, Representing Jonathan Woodson, M.D., Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs  
Charles L. Rice, M.D., President, USU  
MG Brian Lein, MSC, USA, Representing the Surgeon General of the U.S. Army  
RADM Forrest Faison, MC, USN, Representing the Surgeon General of the U.S. Navy  
Maj Gen Dorothy Hogg, USAF, NC, Representing the Surgeon General of the U.S. Air Force  
RADM Sara Linde, USPHS, Representing the Acting Surgeon General of the U.S.

**Advisors to the Board**

Arthur L. Kellermann, M.D., Dean, F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine, USU  
Ada Sue Hinshaw, Ph.D., R.N., Dean, Daniel K. Inouye Graduate School of Nursing, USU  
Patrick D. Sculley, D.D.S., M.A., Executive Dean, Postgraduate Dental College, USU  
Col L. Andrew Huff, USAF, MC, Director, Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute, USU  
COL Keith Johnson, MS, USA, Representing RDML Raquel C. Bono, MC, USN, Director, National Capital Region Medical Directorate  
BG Jeffrey Clark, Director, Walter Reed National Military Medical Center  
COL Robert Tenhet, MSC, USA, Representing the Northern Regional Medical Command  
Joshua Girton, J.D., Legal Advisor to the Board of Regents, USU

**AWARD PRESENTATION**

Dr. David McLeod was awarded the 2014 Carol J. Johns, M.D., Medal. LTC Justin Woodson, USU Faculty Senate President, presented the award to the faculty member that he said

fully embodies the award. Dr. McLeod's significant contributions both personally and professionally were highlighted.

Mrs. S. Leeann Ori was awarded the USU Commendable Service Award. Dr. Charles Rice presented the award and noted Mrs. Ori's contributions to the Board of Regents, University, and federal government.

MAJ Brandon Gage was awarded the Board of Regents Award. Dr. Patrick Sculley presented the award to the former student who was the Postgraduate Dental College student whose research was recognized as the best in his class.

## **OPENING COMMENTS**

In his opening comments, Dr. Blanck welcomed the new representatives attending on behalf of others. The following points were included in Dr. Blanck's remarks:

- Commencement was the next day and invitations should have been received
- Thanks to Ms. Sandy Carbajal for all of her contributions to the Board and welcome to Ms. Jennifer Nuetzi James as the replacement for Ms. S. Leeann Ori.
- A preparatory meeting was held on February 18<sup>th</sup> to provide the board with advance notice of an imminent personnel action in the School of Medicine. Information was later disseminated to the entire University.
- October 13-15, 2014, there will be an offsite in Hershey, Pennsylvania for the fall Board of Regents meeting which will include observation of the University Bushmaster activities.
- The Board of Regents is an advisory board and can only recommend the President to take action on the Distinguished and Exceptional Service Awards and the University Medal. University Instructions are being updated to reflect this change.
- A closed session was scheduled to occur following the open meeting to discuss personnel actions and active investigations.

## **MATTERS OF GENERAL CONSENT**

Dr. Blanck presented the matters of general consent listed below.

- The meeting dates for the next two years
  - Dr. Blanck requested the Board members notify the Board administration if there are any conflicts.
- Minutes of the February 4, 2014, meeting
- Electronic approval by the Board of the following Actions:
  - The Exceptional Service Award to Maj Gen Gerard A. Caron, USAF, DC
  - The Exceptional Service Award to Maj Gen Byron C. Hepburn, USAF, MC
  - The Exceptional Service Award to MG M. Ted Wong, DC, USA

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board

**Vote by voice vote:** Approved the matters of general consent as presented.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Rice opened his report with an initial discussion on the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) Office at the Pentagon. Despite Board appointments being statutorily set at six years, the FACA office is insisting on reappointments every year and noting that the FACA office states their policies take precedence over the law. Dr. Rice noted that the appointment process is opaque and a current Board vacancy has been open for two years. The nomination packet has been with the FACA office since December with no movement. Dr. Rice asked for Mr. Middleton's comments on the FACA office based on his experience as the DFO for the Defense Health Board (DHB). Mr. Middleton noted how the ground rules keep changing and DHB has experienced the same problems. Mr. Middleton noted that using Dr. Woodson's authority might be helpful. Dr. Rice suggested the Board consider sending a letter regarding concerns with prolonged vacancies. The Board agreed to send a letter. Discussion ensued regarding those with expiring terms. For those with appointments expiring, Dr. Rice noted that the law states members can continue to serve until replaced. Other boards that are facing similar challenges were mentioned. Input from the DFO was requested and it was noted that most renewals are taking a year for the FACA office to process. The points below summarize the additional items discussed by Dr. Rice.

- Update on the search for the Vice President for Research. The University is working to get a proper comparison entity for a competitive salary for the candidate. The National Institutes for Health will provide a detailed individual to assist during the next few months. The search is close to a resolution.
- The Vice President for Finance and Administration will be retiring. His Deputy will serve as the acting Vice President while other options for the office are considered.
- The Assistant Vice President for Finance was detailed to the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute. This will enhance the relationship between USU and the NIH.
- A Strategic Partnership Working Group was established by the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs and Dr. Rice is serving as the co-chair. Discussions entail partnering with various organizations and strategic partnerships to better serve the MHS. Dr. Rice noted the new Under Secretary for Health, Director of VISN 12, Dr. Jeff Murawsky
- Assessment of the USU utilization of space is currently underway. The proposed Building F is currently being considered in fiscal year 2018.
- Dr. Rice requested that Dean Hinshaw provide a summary of Graduate School of Nursing incoming students (reference handout). Sixty-four incoming students, all doctoral students except two, breakdown by service and study discipline. Gender, background and military service exposure were also presented.
- Dr. Rice requested that Dean Kellermann provide a summary of incoming School of Medicine students. The diverse incoming student body includes students that are the first in their family to graduate from college, former enlisted service members and service academy graduates. Dean Kellermann notes that there are already Air Force enrollees for the fall in the Enlisted to Medical Degree Preparatory Program (EMDP2) and the Army has approved participation in the program.
- Dr. Rice asked Dean Sculley to describe the process for the Postgraduate Dental College matriculation. The two-step process starts with services serving as the residency selection board and then when class is in place, admissions committee reviews the selects

for the Masters programs. Committees will meet over the next several weeks and at the August Board meeting more updates can be provided.

- Recognize Mr. Middleton is no longer the Acting Deputy but is now the Deputy Director of the Defense Health Agency.

## **BOARD ACTIONS**

### **Degree Granting – School of Medicine**

Dean Kellermann presented for certification the School of Medicine Class of 2014. Each of the 163 students therein has completed the requirements necessary to be awarded the degree of Doctor of Medicine and to enter graduate medical education.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board

**Vote by voice vote:** Concurred with the recommendations as presented by Dean Kellermann and recommended that the President confer the degree of Doctor of Medicine on each member of the Class of 2014 as listed.

### **Degree Granting - Graduate Education**

Dean Kellermann presented for certification 41 candidates to receive graduate degrees in Preventive Medicine and Biometrics (38 Master's and three Doctoral candidates). Additionally, 10 candidates were presented to receive the degree of Doctor of Philosophy and two were presented for the degree of Master of Science.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board

**Vote by voice and electronic vote:** Concurred with the recommendations as presented by Dean Kellermann and recommended that the President confer the degrees as stated upon each of the 41 candidates.

### **Degree Granting – Graduate School of Nursing**

Dean Hinshaw presented for certification three students to receive the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in the Doctor of Nursing Science program. Dean Hinshaw also presented for certification 13 graduate nurses who have successfully completed requirements for the Master of Science in Nursing degree (nine students completed the Family Nurse Practitioner program and four completed the Perioperative Clinical Nurse Specialist program).

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board

**Vote by voice vote:** Concurred with the recommendations as presented by Dean Hinshaw and recommended that the President confer the degrees as stated upon each of the 16 successful candidates.

### **Degree Granting – Postgraduate Dental College**

Dean Sculley presented for certification 53 students to receive the Master of Science in Oral Biology degree. In the Army Postgraduate Dental School class, 17 candidates completed the requirements of the Comprehensive Dentistry program. In the Air Force Postgraduate Dental School, nine completed the Comprehensive Dentistry program and six candidates finished the Tri-Service Orthodontic Residency program. In the Navy Postgraduate Dental School, seven candidates completed the Comprehensive Dentistry program, four finished the Endodontics

program, two candidates in the Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology program, two candidates completed the Periodontics program, four candidates met all requirements for the Prosthodontics program and two met all requirements for the Orofacial Pain program.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board

**Vote by voice vote:** Concurred with the recommendations as presented by Dean Sculley and recommended that the President confer the degrees as stated upon each of the 53 successful candidates.

### **Faculty Appointments and Promotions – School of Medicine**

Dean Kellermann presented the recommendations made by the School of Medicine Committee on Appointments, Promotion and Tenure at a meeting held on March 11, 2014. Twenty-five individuals were recommended for faculty appointments or promotion. Dean Kellermann noted a few corrections; Douglas Merrell is proposed for promotion to Professor with Tenure (Personal Data book notes Associate Professor with Tenure) and his quaternary appointment is correct and Regina Day is proposed for promotion to Professor with Tenure (Personal Data book notes Professor without Tenure). Dean Kellermann asked for the Board's consideration to add an additional faculty member, Dr. Jamie Grimes, Chair of the Department of Neurology and Chief of Neurology at Walter Reed Bethesda. She was appointed and approved by a Committee on Appointment, Promotion and Tenure equivalent and endorsed by the School of Medicine Dean, Larry Laughlin, but her paperwork didn't make it to the Board. Her appointment/promotion was designated to be Associate Professor without Tenure. Dean Kellermann noted that 13 faculty are USU local faculty and 12 are national faculty, reflecting USU as "America's Medical School."

The Board Chair strongly supported Dr. Grimes' appointment and promotion.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board

**Vote by voice voted:** Concurred with the recommendations as presented by Dean Kellermann and recommended that the President implement the actions.

### **Faculty Appointments and Promotions – Postgraduate Dental College**

Dean Sculley presented the recommendations made by the Postgraduate Dental College Committee on Appointments, Promotion and Tenure at a meeting held on April 2, 2014. Eighteen individuals were recommended for faculty appointments or promotion. The number of Army appointments reflects the opening of the new programs at Fort Gordon and Fort Bragg.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board

**Vote by voice voted:** Concurred with the recommendations as presented by Dean Sculley and recommended that the President implement the actions.

The Chair asked Dean Hinshaw to step out of the room for discussion regarding two recommendations for her.

### **Awards and Honors**

Dr. Rice reviewed the recommendation from the Names and Honors Committee for the appointment of Dean Hinshaw as Dean Emerita for the Daniel K. Inouye Graduate School of Nursing.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board

**Vote by voice vote:** Concurred with the recommendation as presented by Dr. Rice and recommended that the President implement the action.

Dr. Rice presented the recommendation from the Names and Honors Committee for Dean Hinshaw to receive the University Medal for her six years of service as the Dean of the Daniel K. Inouye Graduate School of Nursing.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board

**Vote by voice vote:** Concurred with the recommendation as presented by Dr. Rice and recommended that the President implement the action.

Dean Kellermann presented the nomination for Dr. Richard MacDonald to receive the title of Emeritus Professor of Psychiatry. Dr. MacDonald provided years of distinguished service to the USU F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine as Associate Dean of Admissions.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board

**Vote by voice vote:** Concurred with the recommendation as presented by Dean Kellermann and recommended that the President implement the action.

Col L. Andrew Huff, Director, Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute (AFRRI), presented the recommendation from the Names and Honors Committee for Dr. Thomas B. Elliott to receive the Exceptional Service Award. As a Microbiologist and Principal Investigator at AFRRI, Dr. Elliott made significant and lasting contributions to the University during his 29 years of distinguished service.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board

**Vote by voice vote:** Concurred with the recommendation as presented by Col Huff and recommended that the President implement the action.

Col L. Andrew Huff, Director, Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute (AFRRI), presented the recommendation from the Names and Honors Committee for Dr. Christopher Lissner to receive the Exceptional Service Award. As the Scientific Director at AFRRI, Dr. Lissner made significant and lasting contributions to the University during his seven years of distinguished service.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board

**Vote by voice vote:** Concurred with the recommendation as presented by Col Huff and recommended that the President implement the action.

Dr. Rice presented the recommendation by the Names and Honors Committee for Dr. Richard Levine to receive the University Medal for his 15 years of service to the University.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board

**Vote by voice vote:** Concurred with the recommendation as presented by Dr. Rice for his action.

## **ACADEMICS PREPARATORY SESSION**

A review of the Academics Preparatory session was provided by Dr. Debas. The following points were included in Dr. Debas' discussion:

- The five reports – AFRRI, Faculty Senate, School of Medicine, School of Nursing and Postgraduate Dental College – speak to excellent academic progress.
- AFRRI has undergone some changes to include an infrastructure update of the lobby. AFRRI's current focus is on academic issues with an emphasis on basic science, despite funding. AFRRI is pushing to get more funding through product development.
- The Faculty Senate report, presented by Dr. Justin Woodson, notes the hand-in-hand working of the senate and administration demonstrates the relationship is very good. Dr. Justin Woodson's term is coming to an end in the Senate. There have been updates and reviews of USU Instruction 1100 and it is anticipated that the final review and approval will be wrapped up in the next quarter.
- A question was raised regarding the effects of sequestration and turnover. Dr. Rice noted that MTFs are having the most significant challenges. Challenges here at the University include the lack of ability to get to scientific meetings, even to present one's own research. Dr. Kellermann noted the significant problem this is creating for the national faculty. MG Lein noted how the Services are competing over funding due to caps and under MG Thomas they are trying to get medically related education and training under a single Director in the DHA.
- Dr. Rice noted that the Faculty Senate has elected Dr. Simon Auster to replace Dr. Justin Woodson.
- Dr. Debas was impressed with the speed of development of the Postgraduate Dental College. Dr. Moritsugu asked how the rapid development will look to those that scrutinize budgets. President Rice noted the concern is valid but the rapidly developing dental program makes the school indispensable by integrating its educational services widely.
- The Postgraduate Dental College noted the success of the Federal Services Dental Educators Workshop and proposal to have future meetings here. The Army Medical Department agreement with USU is being updated to reflect the addition of the programs at Fort Gordon and Fort Bragg.
- The METC affiliation awaits the operation capability of the DHA Directorate (a committee will develop an implementation plan under DHA). Dr. Blanck noted that Admiral Roberts should be able to do this before leaving.
- There is a proposed affiliation with the San Antonio Uniformed Services Health Education Consortium (SAUSHEC), which would look like the National Capital Consortium. This proposal was initiated by SAUSHEC. Approval of the concept is needed for affiliation with the University. Bylaws and a MOA would be used to establish the relationship. The Board supports proceeding and notes that currently the Services govern SAUSHEC. The proposal is to work toward a consortium and add USU while keeping the Services in play. The proposal would include movement of the GME budget line in San Antonio to USU, which will address the Air Force and Army residency differences. Dean Sculley noted that it might be valuable to invite Dean Woodson Scott

Jones to present his proposal. Dr. Blanck noted the importance of having the Surgeons General support the proposal submitted by SAUSHEC.

- Dean Hinshaw addressed the contingency plan for GSN students possibly affected by the Air Force reduction in force. Seven students are potentially affected and they will know more in August 2014. The Board was asked to approve the contingency plan for the affected students.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board

**Vote by voice vote:** Concurred with the contingency plan as presented by Dean Hinshaw and recommended that the President implement the action.

- A potential Royal Thai graduate nursing student would need a waiver from Dr. Jonathan Woodson due to a DoD Instruction requiring students to have a baccalaureate degree from Canada or US accredited institutions. A waiver from Dr. Woodson has recently been granted for another student, an Israeli physician-officer in the Israel Defence Force.
- The Women's Health Nurse Practitioner has started with three Air Force students.
- The Dean's report from the School of Medicine notes uplifting developments. The name "America's Medical School" is inspiring and has potential to be used as a tag-line. The USU and Walter Reed unity of effort will create an academic center unlike anything in the world. Dr. Blanck notes that the Board strongly supports this unity of effort. Dr. Kellermann notes that there is a potential for profound synergy in the MHS with this endeavor.
- The Class of 2015 step 1 success was historic and reflective of the curriculum. The steps for diversity enhancement and increased academy graduate recruitment are achieving success. The School of Medicine is preparing well for the upcoming LCME visit and Dr. Debas has agreed to serve on the preparation committee.

## **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION PREPARATORY SESSION**

Dr. Brawley provided a summary of the reports reviewed during the Finance and Administration Preparatory session.

- The three POM 16 proposals were reviewed: the Study to Assess Risk and Resilience in Service Members was extended to 2020 and includes other services for a total of \$34M. The second proposal was the Infectious Disease Clinical Research Program designated as the number two research priority within the DHP, operated at 10 sites and co-funded with NIH for a total of \$10M. The NIH wants the DoD to contribute \$4-5M for infrastructure. The third proposal is the Global Health Engagement initiative which has a number of classes and certificate programs.
- Mr. Rice presented the Resource Management Report for Mr. Tinling. 34% of allocated money is spent at this time and that will increase as the budget is clearer. The University submitted a supplemental request for \$25.14M for upgrades in communications, global health engagements courses, enlisted to medical bridge, equipment and instructional design issues.
- Mr. Henske discussed the two Middle States issues that must be addressed following the site visit and noted that the two committees working on these issues are functioning well together.
- Mr. Rapp, the Chief Information Officer, addressed the need for a computer program to keep track of student information. He issued a RFA and is hoping it will be awarded this



fall and for less than \$1M. He hopes to have the system running in 6 months and fully operational within 15 months of the award. Out-year costs would be about \$50K/yr.

- General Lein asked about a bridge to RFP for IEHR and noted that they have until the end of the month to make sure the bridges are in. Dr. Rice notes this is student academic records not health records. General Lein said that the total IEHR covers the military health record, more than just patient information. Mr. Rapp commented about the package submittals and architecture of student information systems. Mr. Rapp is awaiting a response from DHA and DCMO. Mr. Middleton notes the importance of the RFP and the interoperability question.
- General Griffith noted Mr. Rice's superb job during tough circumstances.
- Dr. Debas spoke to global health engagement. He noted the potential for university collaboration with the military is enormous.

Break at 9:55 am – 10:20 am

### **HENRY M. JACKSON FOUNDATION REPORT**

Mr. John Lowe, President and CEO, provided the annual report on the Office of Research. The Henry M. Jackson Foundation (HJF) functions as the operational foundation for the university. The history of the foundation engagements with the university were reviewed and notes about the enhanced relationship over the years was highlighted. Over 360 research projects are managed by HJF on behalf of USU faculty (210 onsite and 150 other locations). A review over a five-year period notes steady gradual growth. HJF is conservatively forecasting slower growth but is hard to predict due to continued sequestration and elections. There are programs that provide a steady opportunity for faculty to publish. The Joint Office of Technology Transfer (JOTT) is a great example of the partnership between HJF and USU. The JOTT history, revenue, expenses, licensing and patents were reviewed. A question was raised in follow up to a legal issue regarding a vaccine license and it was noted by Mr. Lowe that this has been resolved with a mutual agreement and he is unable to discuss the matter further. The management of the related endowment was discussed. It was noted that all endowments have restrictions and those depend on terms of initiation. Common Fund is the investment group used and they have a strong non-profit component. There are more than 950 HJF personnel at USU working on university programs. Mr. Lowe highlighted the number of long-term employees at the university that contributes to the longevity of various research projects. Mr. Lowe reviewed the areas of general support which include fellowships, Research Days, Education Funds and meeting support. Under-recovery was discussed and it was noted that indirect cost rate is negotiated; research costs money. Dr. Rice discussed the FTE cap and importance of being able to have HJF employees. Dr. Kellermann noted there are some grants that must be turned down due to costs and under-recovery. Betsy Folk from the HJF addressed the issue of awards and turn-downs due to costs. Dr. Blanck asked for an update on moving the indirects to direct at a future board meeting. It was noted by Dr. Wilensky that those entities with indirects over 8% have the same issues as USU, but they can usually be resolved. The Board thanked Mr. Lowe and noted the appreciation of the relationship between USU and HJF.

### **USU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

Dr. Leon Moores, President, USU Alumni Association, provided a report on the current state of the organization and plans for future engagements. Dr. Moores provided some

background on the alumni association. A logo has been approved and is branded consistent with the University. They are also inserting “America’s Medical School” on various items for purchase in the bookstore. Dr. Moores noted the value that being a part of the alumni association, would provide to alumni. The association is a 501(c)(3) and there are alumni association bylaws in place. The leadership structure was discussed. Communication and ways to communicate were reviewed and noted as essential to the success of the alumni. The Annual Alumni Day event was reviewed and the first Annual Alumni Awards were noted. Over 30 applications with outstanding backgrounds were sent in and all recipients showed up to receive their awards. All graduates from all schools are members of the alumni and they are members for life. It was noted by Dr. Wilensky that while graduates are alumni, they are not inherently members of an alumni association. Dr. Moores reviewed current fundraising efforts. The governance of the organization was recently changed to include a 12-member board with members from all schools and a succession plan. The bookstore is managed by the Alumni Association and the proceeds belong to the Alumni Association. Contributions of Alumni Association board members were discussed so that there is “skin in the game.” Dr. Sculley asked about family and faculty membership potential. Dr. Moores noted there are honorary but no affiliate memberships, but that is being reviewed in the update of the bylaws. Dr. Rice noted that Dr. Moores will introduce new graduates tomorrow (Commencement) in to the Alumni Association. The synergy of this effort with current and prospective students was noted by Dr. Kellermann.

## **INFECTIOUS DISEASE CLINICAL RESEARCH PROGRAM**

COL Scott Miller, Director, Infectious Disease Clinical Research Program (IDCRP) presented an overview of the program. The history and need of the program was reviewed. Collaborations include efforts with NIAID, USU and other partners. There has been productive research that has been recognized nationally and internationally. Dr. Blanck asked if there are any other central IRB processes at other disciplines. IDCRC has memberships with all the major disciplines. Originally there was a question regarding the role of this program and currently there is a large mentorship program. IDCRC is partnered with clinical research at NIAID via an agreement that covers multiple agencies. The program is housed off-campus and programs are embedded in the MTFs. The mission and vision were reviewed. Key research areas were discussed including war trauma infections (largest program). All of their staff is USU faculty. The governing board was reviewed as well as clinical research collaborators. They are trying to get outside of medical centers, to the community hospitals, where infectious disease that impacts the military mission. A question was raised if they work with GEIS and it was noted that they do on various projects. IDCRC has domestic and overseas labs and wants to be a collaborator. They were created to get away from single site research. An infectious disease specific IRB was created in 2008. A second level review by FHP&R has worked. Their physicians are embedded in the research facilities, credentialed at a hospital and 20% of the time they are used to generate income. This gives military staff time to mentor and do research without compromising mission effectiveness. A unique medicine subspecialty; half of them don’t work in clinical care, most are in research and development. There are currently 10 fellows being mentored. A junior staffer was named Air Force researcher of the year for his HIV research. There has been a steady growth in peer reviewed publications and presentations. They try to answer critical military questions; polytrauma wound infections, invasive fungal infections, detection of latent tuberculosis and prevention of staph infections (Fort Benning). Funding was previously from

NIAID prior to 2008, now DoD funded and they are aggressively seeking core infrastructure costs and have a POM request submitted. The Board chair noted the wonderful program and how one of our labs identified the MERS virus (NAMRU-3). Dr. Rice expressed his thanks to Colonel Miller and noted that the Director of NIAID thinks highly of this clinical research program. Dr. Rice and Dean Kellermann are working to get a similar research focus on Type II Diabetes. Dean Kellermann noted that this model program is of interest to many others at NIH and elsewhere and of importance to the military health system.

Lunch break 11:38 am – 1:00 pm

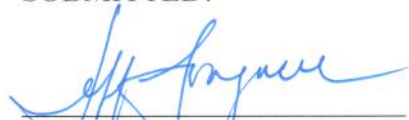
#### **2014 BOARD OF REGENTS AWARDS**

Dr. Rice and Dr. Blanck presented the 2014 Board of Regents Awards to ENS Michael Eliason for the School of Medicine, Dr. Dawn Weir for the School of Medicine Graduate Education and CPT Jose Rodriguez for the Graduate School of Nursing.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

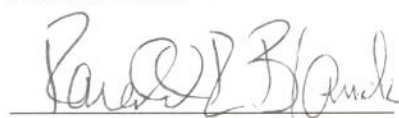
There being no further business on the agenda, Dr. Blanck adjourned the open portion of the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

SUBMITTED:



Jeffrey L. Longacre, M.D.  
Executive Secretary, Board of Regents

APPROVED:



Ronald R. Blanck, D.O.  
Chair, Board of Regents

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